

SENATE JOURNAL
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THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Thursday

May 18, 2023

First Day

Pursuant to the May 17 Proclamation of the Governor calling for convening of the First Special Session of the Thirty-Third Alaska Legislature, the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 12:06 p.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Kawasaki, Olson were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Shower was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Bjorkman. Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear God and Heavenly Father,

Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of our offices and positions as we do the work for the people of Alaska. Help us to be patient and kind, be quick to understand and slow to anger. Help us to be earnest in our endeavors as we seek to move forward and help us to come to a rapid conclusion, Amen.

Senator Bishop led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the one hundred twenty-first legislative day of the first session be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Myers moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Shower be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Shower was excused.

Messages from the Governor

Executive Proclamations

Under the authority of Article II, Section 9, and Article III, Section 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and in the public interest, I call the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Alaska into its first special session in the legislative chambers in Juneau, Alaska, at 10:00 a.m., on May 18, 2023, to consider passage of bills on subjects germane to the titles of the following bills while those bills were under consideration by the Senate and House of Representatives during the first regular session:

- CS HB 39 or similar bill making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs.

Dated: May 17, 2023 at 9:16 p.m.

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Under the authority of Article II, Section 9, and Article III, Section 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and in the public interest, I hereby amend my proclamation of May 17, 2023, calling the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Alaska into special session as follows:

The Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Alaska is called into its first special session at Juneau, Alaska, in the legislative chambers, on May 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., to consider passage of bills on subjects germane to the titles of the following bills while those bills were under consideration by the Senate and House of Representatives during the first regular session:

- HB 39 or similar bill making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs;
- HB 41 or similar bill making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program.

Dated: May 18, 2023 at 2:10 p.m.

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Messages from the House

HB 51

Message dated May 17 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment(s) to HOUSE BILL NO. 51 "An Act relating to refrigerants designated as acceptable for use under federal law", thus adopting:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51 am S(efd add S) "An Act relating to refrigerants designated as acceptable for use under federal law; relating to firefighting substances; and providing for an effective date."

HB 61

Message dated May 17 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment(s) to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(STA), thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(JUD) am S "An Act relating to restrictions on firearms and other weapons."

SCR 7

Message dated May 17 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,
concerning House Bill No. 51, relating to refrigerants
designated as acceptable for use under federal law.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

HB 39

Message dated May 18 was received stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment(s) to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; amending appropriations; making reappropriations; and making supplemental appropriations", thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 39(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations
for the operating and loan program expenses of state
government and for certain programs; capitalizing
funds; repealing appropriations; amending
appropriations; making capital appropriations,
supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations;
and providing for an effective date."

HB 41

Message dated May 18 was received stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment(s) to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 41(FIN) am, thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 41(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the
operating and capital expenses of the state's
integrated comprehensive mental health program; and
providing for an effective date."

SCR 6

Message dated May 18 was received stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,
concerning House Bill No. 39, making appropriations
for the operating and loan program expenses of state
government and for certain programs; capitalizing
funds; repealing appropriations; amending
appropriations; making reappropriations; and making
supplemental appropriations.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 101

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101 BY THE
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Authorizing a recess by the House of Representatives
or Senate for a period of more than three days.

was read the first time and was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
NO. 101 Authorizing a recess by the House of Representatives or
Senate for a period of more than three days, pass the Senate?" The roll
was taken with the following result:

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Final Passage

YEAS: 13 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kaufman, Kiehl, Merrick, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski, Wilson

Nays: Hughes, Myers

Excused: Hoffman, Kawasaki, Olson, Shower

Absent: Bishop

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Recess

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to a call of the Chair. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 12:23 p.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 5:44 p.m.

President Stevens stated in accordance with Rule 43(b), Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules, engrossment may be waived on all measures transmitted to the House this legislative day.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate return to Messages from the House. Without objection, the Senate returned to:

Messages from the House (continued)

HB 39

Message dated May 18 was read stating pursuant to the Senate request, the House has returned:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; amending appropriations; making reappropriations; and making supplemental appropriations."

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

Senator Giessel moved the Senate rescind its previous action in passing SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, the Senate rescinded its previous action.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S was before the Senate in third reading on final passage.

Senator Stedman moved the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 38. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Stedman offered Amendment No. 38:

Page 110, following line 11:

Insert new material to read:

	"Appropriation Allocations	Items	General Funds	Other Funds
*****			*****	
**** Department of Commerce, Community and ****				
Economic Development				
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**Grants to Named Recipients
(AS 37.05.316)**

Senior Citizens of Interior Alaska Inc. - ADA Compliant Elevator for Salcha Seniors' Community Center (HD 34)	474,054	474,054
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Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police - State of Alaska Police Policy Manual Project (HD 1-40)	550,000	550,000
Tok Chamber of Commerce - Upgrade Boilers, Heat System and Plumbing (HD 36)	85,000	85,000
Kenny Lake Volunteer Fire Department -Emergency Medical & Rescue Equipment (HD 36)	25,000	25,000
Ninilchik Senior Citizens, Inc. - Kitchen Expansion (HD 6)	150,000	150,000
Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)		
Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Talkeetna Water and Sewer Line Repairs and System Upgrades (HD 28)	4,750,000	4,750,000
City of Palmer - Reconstruction of Public Library (HD 25)	5,000,000	5,000,000
City of Wasilla - Airport Runway Extension (HD 27)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Metropolitan Planning Organization Support (HD 25-30)	1,000,000	1,000,000
City of Dillingham - Harbor Float Replacement (HD 37)	5,000,000	5,000,000
City of Kenai - Wildwood Drive Roadway Reconstruction (HD 7)	600,000	600,000
Municipality of Anchorage - Chugiak/Birchwood/Eagle River Rural Road Service Area - Starner Bridge Road & Drainage (HD 24)	1,000,000	1,000,000
Municipality of Anchorage - Hillside Limited Road Service Area/Rural Road Service Area - Drainage and Ditching (HD 11)	447,500	447,500
Municipality of Anchorage - Hillside Fire Prevention/Mitigation (HD 11)	200,000	200,000
Municipality of Anchorage - Lower Virgo Avenue Emergency Egress Improvements (HD 9)	420,000	420,000

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Municipality of Anchorage	1,500,000	1,500,000
- Purchase and Establish Eagle River Cemetery (HD 23)		
Municipality of Anchorage	2,000,000	2,000,000
- Mary Avenue Area Storm Drainage (HD 10)		
Kenai Peninsula Borough	670,525	670,525
- Solid Waste Department - Hope Transfer Site Relocation (HD 8)		
City of Kotzebue	500,000	500,000
- Cape Blossom Port Authority and Development (HD 40)		
City of Pilot Station - New Heavy Equipment Bulldozer Purchase (HD 39)	269,410	269,410
City of Bethel - Public Safety Communication Tower (HD 38)	500,000	500,000
City of Fairbanks - Polaris Hotel -Contaminated Materials Abatement (HD 31)	3,000,000	3,000,000

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Construction of a Certified Veterans Cemetery in Fairbanks Area (HD 34)	7,100,000	1,100,000	6,000,000
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Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants (HD 1-40)	-250,000	-250,000
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Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants (HD 1-40)"	250,000	250,000
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Adjust fund sources and totals and appropriation and project placements accordingly.

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Senator Stedman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 38.
Senator Wielechowski objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 38 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S
Second Reading
Amendment No. 38?

YEAS: 15 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bishop, Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hughes, Kaufman, Kiehl, Merrick, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski, Wilson

Nays: Myers

Excused: Hoffman, Kawasaki, Olson, Shower

and so, Amendment No. 38 was adopted.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S
Third Reading - Final Passage
Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bishop, Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kaufman, Kiehl, Merrick, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski, Wilson

Nays: Hughes, Myers

Excused: Hoffman, Kawasaki, Olson, Shower

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S passed the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause(s). Without objection, it was so ordered.

In accordance with Uniform Rule 43, engrossment was waived on SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S, and the bill was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration with certified amendments.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

HB 39

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date" which passed the Senate today with engrossment waived, was engrossed and returned to the House on May 19.

SCR 101

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101 Authorizing a recess by the House of Representatives or Senate for a period of more than three days, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment sine die. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

May 18	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

May 19	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

May 18	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

May 18	Thursday	Adams 519	8:30 AM
+	Approval of Minutes: -December 14, 2022 -January 24, 2023 -March 7, 2023 Executive Session: A. Preliminary Audit Release - FY22 Single Audit B. LB&A v. Dunleavy Legal Contract C. 40 hr work week Adjournment		